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In this Month's Newsletter:

- Celebrate Co-op Month with The Energy Co-op
- Renewable Energy Classroom
- Welcome our new staff members

Happy Co-op Month!

The Energy Co-op is celebrating Co-op Month with a five-week educational series on our blog, highlighting our cooperative values and featuring other Pennsylvania cooperatives. Check out our Co-op Month schedule below, along with a preview of our first Co-op Month blog post!



Week 1: Innovation

Week 2: Sustainability

Week 3: Transparency

Week 4: Equity

Week 5: Community

Co-op Month Week 1: Leading Pennsylvania's Sustainable Energy Evolution through Innovation

October is Co-op Month, and to celebrate the cooperative model this year, The Energy Co-op will highlight important cooperative values and spotlight how we and other local cooperatives practice these values, serve members, and make a positive impact on our communities. First, let's talk about cooperative innovation by exploring The Energy Co-op's long history of innovation in the energy space, from group energy purchasing power and renewable energy supply options to energy access and industry education.

The Energy Co-op's mission is to be a leader of today's sustainable energy evolution. We work hard every day to meet our members' needs by seeking and supporting novel solutions to energy challenges. The power of our cooperative model enables us to accomplish more together than individually, and we are proud of the many innovations we've brought to Southeastern Pennsylvania throughout our 45-year history. As a nonprofit cooperative, we strive for mission impact not maximizing profit, and our duty to meet our members' needs comes first... [Read More](#)

Renewable Energy Classroom

This past July, the Pennsylvania general assembly passed the Solar For Schools Act that was fundamental in putting in place the Pennsylvania Solar for Schools grant program that aims to drive job opportunities and make the financial and educational benefits of solar more accessible to Pennsylvania's schools. Learn more about this program and other proposed environmental and sustainability bills in the video below!



New Team Members

This September, The Energy Co-op welcomed three new team members: Programs Assistant Carlissa Arrow, Marketing Intern Madison LaMountain, and Operations Coordinator Lilly Price. Read their Faces of the Co-op blog posts below to learn more about each of them!

[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Lilly Price](#)

By Lilly Price

[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Carlissa Arrow](#)

By Carlissa Arrow

[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Madison LaMountain](#)

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We're Hiring!

The Energy Co-op is hiring for our next Membership Coordinator! If you or someone you know is interested, please visit our [Careers Page](#) to view the position listing and learn how to apply.

What We're Reading

[PJM artificially inflates capacity prices by billions, complaint alleges](#)

PJM Interconnection is facing a significant shortfall in renewable energy capacity coming online as planned, hindering the timely development of new generation resources needed to mitigate future price spikes.

Ethan Howland, *Utility Dive*

[How Climate Change Intensified Helene and the Appalachian Floods](#)

Leading to severe flooding in the Appalachian region, Hurricane Helene has broader implications of extreme weather linked to a warming planet.

Sean Sublette, *Inside Climate News*

[Old-School Politics Might Just Save the IRA](#)

Maintaining domestic energy production could be a shared concern in the political spectrum among both supporters and critics of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Paul Waldman, *Heatmap*

Blog Posts

[Co-op Month Week 1: Leading Pennsylvania's Sustainable Energy Evolution through Innovation](#)

By Colin Teague

[Understanding Residential Energy Audits](#)

By Luke Johnson, Energy Coordinating Agency Business Development Intern

[Why We Developed a Strategic Plan and How We're Doing](#)

By Divya Desai and Hillary Bedeian



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